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Governor's Volunteer Caregiver Recognition Awards to be presented *-- Caregivers from across the state to be recognized for their contributions --*

WHAT: Secretary of Health and Human Resources Jane Woods will present the winners of the Governor's Volunteer Caregiver Recognition Awards on Monday, Jan. 9. The awards are sponsored by The Virginia Council on the Status of Women and will be awarded to seven volunteers from across the state.

Nominees were sought statewide and more than 21 volunteers were nominated. Awards will be given to the following caregivers:

- Margaret J. Gibson, Stafford
- Carole Harwell, Glen Allen
- Alice Holmes, Waynesboro
- Diane Jones, Mappsville
- Martha "Marty" McCoy, Newport News
- Lois B. Sexton, Marion
- Ruby Tillery, Courtland

WHO: Secretary of Health and Human Resources Jane Woods will present the awards on behalf of Governor Mark R. Warner. Members of the General Assembly, Madge Bush, Chair of the Council on Women, as well as other Council members, award winners and their family members will be attending.

WHERE: General Assembly Building, First Floor, Room D

WHEN: Monday, Jan. 9 at 10 a.m.

WHY: Nationally, there are an estimated 44.4 million volunteer caregivers, 60 percent of whom are women. The need for caregivers in Virginia is expected to increase over the next 25 years as the population grows. The Governor's Volunteer Caregiver Award honors those who lovingly and voluntarily take care of family and friends day after day, and are intended to heighten public awareness of their contributions.

For more information, visit: http://www.dss.virginia.gov/community/council_women/caregiver.html.

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